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In re application of:

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Examiner: Lisa Arthur

Art Unit: 1655

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§1.98

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Sir:

The reference cited on attached form PTO-1449 is being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed. Additionally enclosed is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 filed on February 4, 1999, in prior application Serial No. 08/783,729, which application is relied upon for an earlier filing date in the above-identified application. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references can be found in Application No. 08/783,729, filed January 16, 1997 (Attorney Docket No. 23070-677-00). It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered

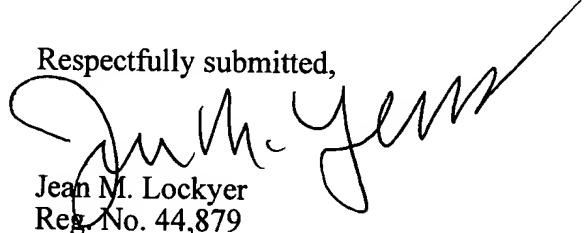
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during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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